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## Reichelt takes second at international meet

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Sports Co-Editor

When Michael Reichelt first started powerlifting he did it recreationally. He had no idea of where he would go three years later.

Today, Michael Reichelt is the world's second strongest person in the 231 pound weight class with 628 pounds in squat, 424 pounds in bench and 567 pounds in lift for an astounding total of 1,619 pounds.

Reichelt, along with 16 other Americans from around the country, traveled to Szczyrk, Poland in September.

"I made this meet like any other meet," said Reichelt. "I knew what I had to do - it was just a matter of doing it."

Participants from around the globe traveled to Poland last month in high hopes of becoming world champions. "The part that surprised me the most was the friendliness. "Everyone was out

to help you," said Reichelt. "You came as strangers, 5,000 miles apart and yet everyone cared about how you did and encouraged you."

"This experience has been very humbling. It still feels unreal."

Although Reichelt doesn't have a definite lifting plan after high school, he still says he will be spending many hours at the gym. "Friends and family are the reason I made it this far. Without

their support I didn't think I'd be as successful. They truly are my biggest fans," said Reichelt.

There have been many influential people in his high school career, but especially Casey Raaen and Mr. Ed Whiting.

Reichelt is proud of his performance at Poland, but does not intend to continue this as a career into the future. He believes the moments of fame only came upon because of the people back at home.



Michael Reichelt

## Council increases members to 54

Carolyn Frederick  
Entertainment Co-Editor

This year student council is experiencing some new changes, expanding to 54 members and dividing into three different committees.

"The administration brought us this idea at the end of last year," says senior David Koch. "I feel like the new changes help divide the workloads so more can get done and get more students involved with O'G."

Student council is divided into three different committees: the principal advisory committee, the events committee and the outreach committee.

"Our intention was to allow more students to be a part of the council and to allow each committee to focus on one aspect of leadership rather than trying to cover everything at once," says adviser of the events committee, Doug Basche.

The leadership of these committees is made up of Michelle Petrasko as president, Sean Catanguai as vice-president and Maria Anderson as secretary.

The chair persons are Nic-Steffl of the events committee, David Koch of the principal advisory committee and Alex Shields of the outreach committee.

"The activity committee deals with formal and other monthly events like Halloween or Indie Film Fest," said Koch.

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## School implements new food guidelines

Kayler Nelson  
Opinion Co-Editor

Many students start out a new school year telling themselves that they will work harder scholastically and improve athletically. But getting healthier usually is not on top of a busy student's priority list. That is something First Lady Michelle Obama is trying to change.

With the approach of a new school year, O'Gorman has adopted Michelle Obama's new lunch program. "In response to an increase in childhood obesity, Congress recently passed the Healthy Hunger-Free Kids Act, which established new federal guidelines for school lunch programs," said Carrie Keuser, Director of Food Services for the Sioux Falls Catholic Schools.

This new federal lunch program is a dietary plan based on a 750-850 maximum calorie count. Everything in a lunch meal, including condiments, is counted into this calorie range. According to The Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act, every meal must include at least three out of five components: meat/meat alternative, one serving of fruit, one serving of vegetables, grains and a single milk.



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Students eat during fifth period lunch. The school has implemented the new federal food guidelines.

The fundamental goal of this new lunch program is to better develop the health of those students who take part in school lunch programs.

According to a news release by the United States Department of Agriculture: "The new meal requirements will raise standards for the first time in more than 15 years and improve the health and nutrition of nearly 32 million kids that participate in school meal programs every school day."

Although The Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act passed through Congress with good intentions, this act has taken up a controversial effect against the student body of O'Gorman.

"It's both healthy and important for athletes to have more calories because we workout and burn them off faster than the average student", said senior and cross country runner Chance Freese.

Senior Meghan McCormick

feels differently: "The new approach to school lunches will make us all healthier and encourage us to make better decisions outside of school," said McCormick.

Although the changes seen in many school cafeterias across the United States may be jumpstarting a renewal of student health, Keuser said that what students do outside of school is what makes the bigger difference.

## School hopes Twitter keeps students connected

Miranda Masek  
Editor-in-Chief

With the unveiling of O'Gorman's own Twitter, @OGHSKnights, the school is choosing to take advantage of new technology.

"I just look at it as another piece of communication for our students," said O'Gorman principal Kyle Groos. "We try and get news out there here and now."

Philip Carter, Manager of Media Relations at the University of South Dakota believes social media is "such a valuable resource."

"Student followers are consistently net-

working with each other. When something is posted on Twitter or Facebook, all it takes is one follower or one student to begin sharing it with others," said Carter.

Twitter pages for organizations at O'Gorman are nothing new, however. David Koch, senior and Student Council Principal Advisory Committee Chair, began a student council Twitter to keep members reminded of events.

"The idea came from our leadership meeting in the summer," said Koch. "I find it useful - it helps people remember what and when something is going on. It helps keep the at-

tendance high if they see the info broadcasted on something they check every day."

"I think that, in some ways, attendance at events has been influenced by people sharing posts. Last year, there was a huge boost from social media that helped promote an on campus Mac Miller concert at USD," said Carter.

While other individual activities post information to keep members in the know, some students are not sold on the idea.

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# Theology department adds new members

Young teachers excited to begin careers, join Catholic community of Sioux Falls

Haley Heiberger  
Faith Co-Editor

O’Gorman’s religion department welcomes two fresh faces this year.

Joining the staff this year are Ms. Andrea Milis and Ms. Patricia Irvine. Both new staff members look forward to beginning teaching after college and ministry.

Milis graduated from Marian University in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin with a degree in theology.

“I love it here,” said Milis. “The Catholic community in Sioux Falls seems to be very welcoming.”

Milis spent the summer months in preparation for the 2012-2013 school year.

Originally, Milis planned on pursuing a career in youth ministry but eventually discovered her desire to teach.

Milis finds the environment at O’Gorman interesting and inviting. “I love how students have a desire to live our their faith,” said Milis, who is teaching Scripture. “I just want to inspire people to be on fire with their faith.”

“It’s going to be an up-



Ms. Andrea Milis



Ms. Patricia Irvine

and-down roller coaster ride.”

Also beginning her teaching career is Ms. Patricia Irvine. Irvine left Garretson, South Dakota to study at Franciscan University of Steubenville, Ohio.

She now returns to South Dakota with a degree in theology and English.

“I knew I wanted to teach, but I wanted to teach English,” said Irvine. Irvine took a theology course in college and eventually changed her education major.

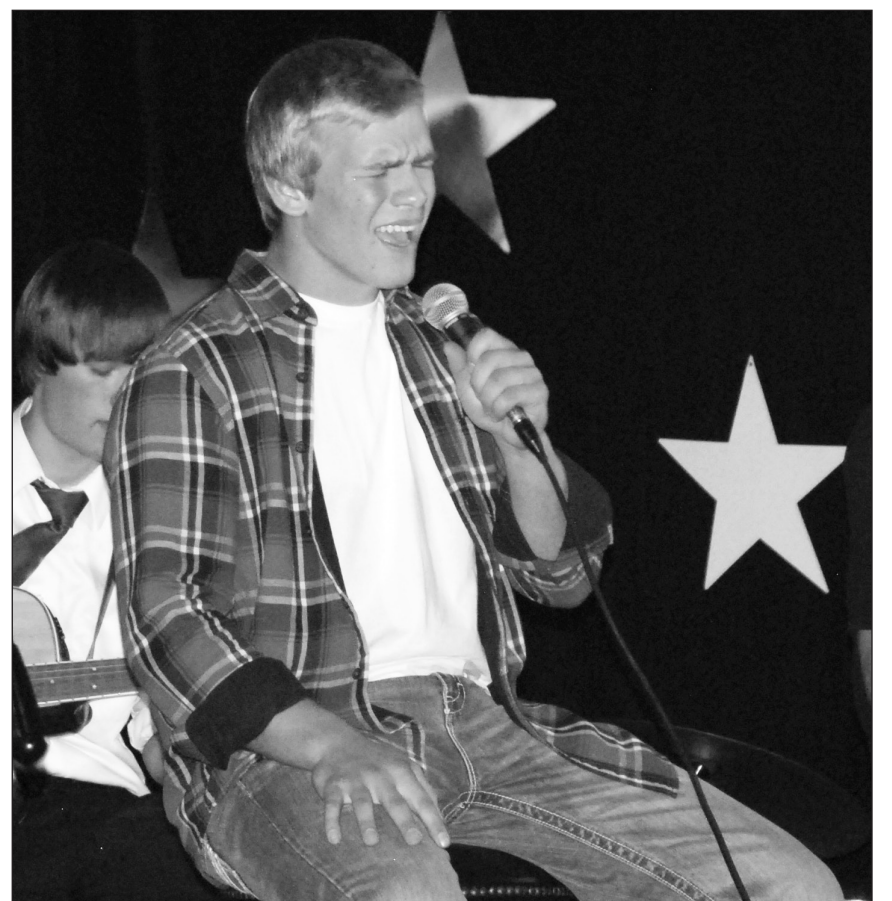
“I love what the Church teaches,” said Irvine. She

expressed that she looks forward to sharing Church teaching with her classes.

Irvine will be teaching both Apologetics and Scripture this school year. She said her goal with her students is to share her passion with them and to make truth compelling.

The year has proved thus far to be full of excitement for both new staff members. “I’m excited to see how the classes unfold,” said Irvine.

Milis and and Irvine replace Mr. Joe Rutten and Ms. Miriam Thorn.



PIERCE EDMAN / KNIGHT SCROLL

Senior Nic Steffl sings during the Homecoming Variety Show. The show was held on Thursday, Sept. 20 as part of the Homecoming week festivities.

## Students, staff take part in homecoming festivities

From Staff Reports

O’Gorman students and staff took part in homecoming week activities Sept. 17-21.

Theme days were held each day, ranging from Wacky Day to Pirate and Ninja day. Both students and staff got involved.

On Thursday, Sept. 20, the annual Variety Show was held. Along with the different acts, Nic Steffl and Mi-

chelle Petrasko were crowned king and queen.

On Friday, Sept. 21, students and staff attended Mass in the Performing Arts Center. They then played games in the afternoon on McEneaney Field.

Following the games, students and staff took part in the Dizzy Relay, which the teachers handily won.

The week was capped off with the homecoming football game and a dance.

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“It doesn’t really help because we already know; it’s just a reminder,” said cheerleader Anabella Gilbert, senior.

The school Twitter page also has flaws in its effectiveness: “If you don’t have Twitter or don’t follow it, it’s not effective at all,” said senior Taryn Blanchard. “And if you don’t have a smart phone, you can’t see any news when it happens.”

Carter chooses a different standpoint for USD. “All of campus has the capabil-

ity to be reached with social media. I think that’s one of the tremendous benefits of having Facebook and Twitter accounts,” he said.

“Information that originates from the university or a student doesn’t have to be sent from one account repeatedly to be effective. More and more people sharing or re-posting are doing it for you.”

But for now, the use of Twitter is a work in progress.

“We’ll feel our way through,” said Groos. “There’s quite a bit left to do.”

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“The principal’s advisory committee deals with many challenging issues such as sportsmanship, dress code review, peer relations and magazine drive,” said Koch.

“The outreach committee teams up with campus ministry and does several community projects.”

The student council meetings are usually held before school or during fifth period.

The entire council was all involved in homecoming. “After homecoming we will evaluate how the large group performed and if any adjustments need to be made,” said Basche. “The council members show great enthusiasm and I look forward to advising this fine group of young people.”

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**SPIRIT OF SERVICE.** O'Gorman volleyball players, coaches and parents helped pick pumpkins on Sept. 9 for Don Baatz, a Sioux Falls man unable to pick them himself. The hundreds of pumpkins were donated to multiple groups in the area including Terry Redlin Elementary, Children's Home Society, Mark Twain Elementary and St. Mary's Parish.

## U.S. Catholic Church at odds with government over mandate

Connor Johnson  
Activities Co-Editor

Earlier this year the Health and Human Services (HHS) Mandate requiring private insurers to provide contraception coverage was put into effect. On Aug. 1 the reform of private health care plans was enacted.

Under the HHS mandate, employers must pay for their employees' health care plans. Unfortunately for small business owners who wish to keep their establishment in line with their religious beliefs, the mandate makes the health care plans cover a wide variety of coverage including prescription contraceptives, sterilization procedures and abortion procedures.

Many of these establishments have taken their case to court and won. But the rest are required to go ahead with the reforms to the health care plans they provide. This will be more problematic when the HHS mandate begins with larger establishments such as hospitals.

The mandate had preset limits on what defines an establishment as religious, but they are very stringent and most likely

many establishments will not meet the definitions as a religious business.

"It is being reported that there is an exemption for religious organizations. However, the exemption provided is so narrow that it fails to cover the vast majority of faith-based organizations," said Travis Benson,

**"Prayer is our ultimate source of strength."**

**-Travis Benson**

son, Co-Director for the Office of Marriage, Family & Respect Life, and Lobbyist and Legal Counsel for the Catholic Dioceses of Sioux Falls. "Arguably, Catholic schools will not fit within the narrow exemption and this could include O'Gorman."

The Church has asked the government to revise the conditions of the HHS mandate that define what is a religious establishment. However, it may be likely that the revisions to the

HHS mandate will not meet the expectations of the Church.

If the mandate is not properly revised the Church has several ways the Catholic community can aid.

"As always, pray is the first, middle and last thing we should always be doing. This issue is no exception. Prayer is our ultimate source of strength, with God all is possible," said Benson.

The primary issue involving the HHS mandate is that it infringes upon religious freedom. The problem in it is that when the HHS mandate was being checked to ensure it was constitutional, it wasn't seen to go against religious freedom due to the exceptions fore mentioned. Religious establishments feel differently.

Church leaders have spoken out as well on the mandate.

In his Feb. 2012 column in the Bishop's Bulletin, Bishop Paul Swain made the following statement: "We cannot compromise on core moral principles, nor surrender the right to freedom of religion and conscience, nor give way under the heavy hand of the inappropriate exercise of government power."

## Performer set for return to O'G with new show about Maximilian Kolbe

Haley Heiberger  
Faith Co-editor

In the old O'Gorman auditorium in 2010, students were treated to a show on the life of St. John Vianney. Now, Leonardo Defilippis returns for an encore in the Performing Arts Center.

To follow *Vianney*, Defilippis will bring his most recent show, *Maximilian*, to the stage. "I like his passion for the subject," said junior Mary Brule, who saw Defilippis perform in 2010. This passion will be applied to the life of St. Maximilian Kolbe, a holocaust victim and canonized Saint.

Monsignor Charles Mangan describes the plot as "an inspiring story about a Polish boy who became a priest and now is a Canonized Saint."

The organization St. Luke Productions, founded by Defilippis, offers a unique method of teaching about the lives of Saints. Mangan said, "St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe is especially relevant for our times because he lived during a period of intense persecution of the Church and all things holy, much as we do. In words, music and gestures, the



Leonardo Defilippis

performance will communicate the fidelity of this great Saint to the very end." Mangan said he is impressed by Defilippis' talent.

"I love how he took on the challenging task of playing multiple characters," said senior Becky Kayser.

According to St. Luke Productions, *Maximilian* is one of the most requested life dramas offered by Defilippis.

O'Gorman students can look forward to experiencing the life of St. Maximilian Kolbe play out on stage.

"We're in for a treat," says Mangan.



## Mr. Keena goes to Washington

Senior represents state at Boys Nation

Marissa Tran  
Entertainment Co-Editor

This past July, senior Mitchell Keena had the opportunity to become a mock senator for South Dakota. Keena and one other South Dakota representative, John Stenecka from Roosevelt, were selected to represent South Dakota at Boys Nation in Washington, D.C.

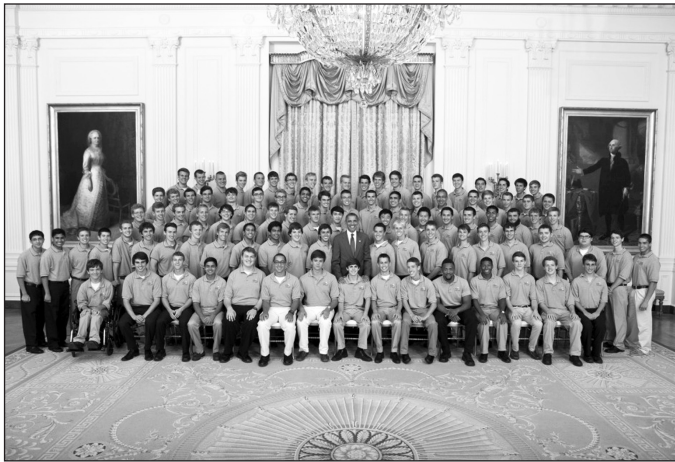
Keena and Stenecka, along with two other representatives from each of the 49 states, experienced the life of a U.S. senator.

The week of Boys Nation began with a caucus at the beginning of the session. They then organized into committees and conducted hearings on bills submitted by fellow senators.

"You really learn to appreciate all that senators do," said Keena. "Being a senator isn't as easy as you think it'd be."

The mock senators also learned the proper method of handling bills, according to U.S. Senate rules. The week of government training also included lectures and visits to federal agencies, institutions, memorials and historical sites.

"I also got to meet with a Holocaust survivor and see George Washington's personal diary," says Keena.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

President Obama met with members of Boys Nation. O'Gorman senior Mitchell Keena represented South Dakota.

On Capitol Hill, Boys Nation senators had the opportunity to meet with elected officials from their home state.

"A highlight of my time in D.C. was getting a personalized meeting with Senators Thune and Johnson," says Keena. "But the biggest surprise of all came later in the trip."

Keena and the 99 other Boys Nation delegates had the chance to have a meet and greet with President Barack Obama.

"Seeing President Obama in real life was so surreal," says Keena. "But having the chance to actually talk to him and shake his hand was a moment that I will never forget."

The road to Boys Nation is not an easy one. Keena, along

with five other O'Gorman boys, had to first attend Boys State last May at Northern State University. About 400 South Dakota high schoolers attended Boys State, and only two were selected to go on to Boys Nation.

Candidates for Boys Nation would then have an interview with a panel of directors, who then decide who goes to Washington, D.C.

Keena was ecstatic to be chosen for Boys Nation. "Out of 400 guys, I felt extremely honored to be able to represent South Dakota at Boys Nation," says Keena.

It was a life changing experience. "The motto of the week was 'A week that shapes a lifetime'," says Keena, "And to me, that truly what it was."



SUBMITTED PHOTO

2012 graduate Charlie Solomon receives his trophy at the National Forensic League Tournament in Indianapolis. Solomon placed seventh in the nation.

## Interp team finds success at nationals

Sam Breske  
Opinion Co-Editor

The Oral Interp team competed at two national tournaments this summer and came away with a total of five top ten finishers.

Individually, all of the team members were excited about their success. The experience, however, "included some of the most fun, rewarding moments of my life," said returning senior Shelby Bloomer.

The team competed at the National Catholic Forensic League's National Tournament in Baltimore, finishing with two top ten duos, and one National Oratory Champion, Bloomer. O'Gorman also won a Team of Excellence Award for the second consecutive year.

Later, they traveled to Indianapolis where Bloomer and Charlie Solomon finished in seventh place in their respective categories. At the National Forensic League tournament O'Gorman won a "School of Excellence in Speech Award" for the first time ever.

Ms. Teresa Fester shared the driving force behind her team's success. "O'Gorman has a strong work ethic behind Oral Interp but most of all - our team members embrace competition as well as having fun," said Fester. She also explained how this attitude translates into national competition. "The students go to nationals to compete foremost but then with what little time we have outside of the competition - we enjoy our time as we unwind from the long days of competition."

Five of the seven national com-

petitors graduated last year, taking a lot of talent with them. Frankie Maxwell's departure has a particular effect on the team.

In Baltimore, Maxwell, alongside his sister and returning senior, Haley Maxwell, took sixth place overall in the tournament. "The absence of my brother is going to be different and harder, but the work I do this season will be equally rewarding," said H. Maxwell.

Fester is confident that the team has the ability to fill the shoes of the recent graduates. "The strength of our team never rests solely on the seniors so when they graduate - we have people who are ready to step into their shoes and deliver," said Fester. "This year our team has very strong leadership with Haley Maxwell, Shelby Bloomer, Sarah Dougherty, Alex Shields, Bethany Claussen, Aimee Bannwarth, Bailey Larson and Molly Billion for seniors."

While the team already has a lot of established talent, Fester is also well aware of the ability of underclassmen to excel. "We also have many new faces and an incredibly talented group of sophomores who are eager to make the stage this year," she added.

As Fester and her team look forward to the upcoming season there is a clear sense of excitement.

"Everyone always does well. Our whole team should do very well," said Maxwell.

"Anyone with a strong topic and a clear speaking voice could excel, so until the time comes, we can't possibly know what will happen and who will come out on top," said Bloomer.

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Students from both the Dillenburg school and O’Gorman take a moment to stop along the River Rhine in Cologne, Germany. In the background is the famous High Cathedral of Sts. Peter and Mary. Six O’Gorman students and two faculty members spent three weeks in Germany from June 8-30.

# Students travel to Germany

## From Staff Reports

Six O’Gorman students and two faculty members traveled to Germany in June as part of an exchange program. The group stayed in Germany for three weeks.

As part of the trip, the group stayed with host families in Dillenburg, Germany for two weeks.

“I think it was a great experience,” said Kristin Kuchenbecker, O’Gorman’s German teacher and leader of the trip. “It was an eye-opening experience for the students.”

Students included: Nick Messler, Rachel Johnson, Kayler Nelson, Josh Kajer, Michael Schulte and Thomas Rothenbuehler. Staff members were Ms. Kristin Kuchenbecker and Mr. Jason Van Engen.

The group had the chance to experience what it would be like to live the life of an ordinary German teenager. The students ate authentic German food, rode the train and followed a host student

during the school day.

“I loved my host family,” said Messler. “They were awesome.” The overall feelings from the O’Gorman students to their host families were positive. “My host family was very considerate and accommodating,” said Kajer.

“School was very different,” said Kajer. “But I liked the system because they got a lot of free time during the day.”

German students don’t follow a daily schedule like their American counterparts. Instead, they follow a weekly schedule. Likewise, students in Dillenburg are allowed to come and go during the school day, much like students at O’Gorman have open campus when they are seniors.

The O’Gorman students earned credit for going on the trip as they completed coursework. They focused on enhancing their German vocabulary and speaking skills while learning about the German culture.

During the two week stay, the group took a field trip with Dillenburg students to Bonn

and Cologne. There they went to a museum, saw the Cologne Cathedral and attended a public viewing of the Euro Cup soccer game featuring Germany and the Netherlands.

Following the two weeks in

**“Germany is an awesome country. Overall, it was indescribable and amazing.”**

**-Nick Messler**

Dillenburg, the group traveled to Berlin and Munich. One of the highlights of the traveling portion included riding a night train from Berlin to Munich.

While in Berlin and Munich, the group saw several historic sites.

For me, the history was really the best part,” said Van Engen, an English teacher who went on the

trip. “It’s amazing to see a country that has such a rich and interesting history.”

The group visited various sites throughout Berlin and Munich. Some of the culturally significant sites visited on the trip included: Dachau concentration camp, Checkpoint Charlie, and East Side Gallery, an outdoor viewing of artistically painted, original pieces of the Berlin Wall.

The touring through Munich also included taking a one day trip to southern Germany to see two of Ludwig II’s castles. One of these castles is the Schloss Neuschwanstein, the castle that Walt Disney modeled the Disney castle after.

The trip was not without its challenges, however. Although each of the students who visited Germany had taken German II or higher courses throughout the academic school year, the language barrier still posed a problem.

“The language barrier made it very difficult even though we knew some of the language,” said

Schulte. That didn’t stop Schulte from having a good time, though. “Altogether the trip was a great experience and loads of fun.”

“I found the language to be somewhat difficult at times,” said Van Engen. “I really knew no German, but I found the learning curve to be enormous while I was there.”

As part of the exchange program, O’Gorman will be welcoming 23 students from the partner school in Dillenburg. The exchange students will shadow their students counterparts who are currently enrolled in German courses. The students will arrive Oct. 8 and stay for three weeks.

German exchange students will have an opportunity to see the Midwest and experience daily lives of O’Gorman students and families.

“I’m very excited to have my friend stay with me, as well as the students are excited to host the exchange students,” said Kuchenbecker.





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The High Cathedral of Sts. Peter and Mary sits atop the skyline of Cologne. Construction on the massive Catholic church began in 1248 and wasn't finished until 1880.



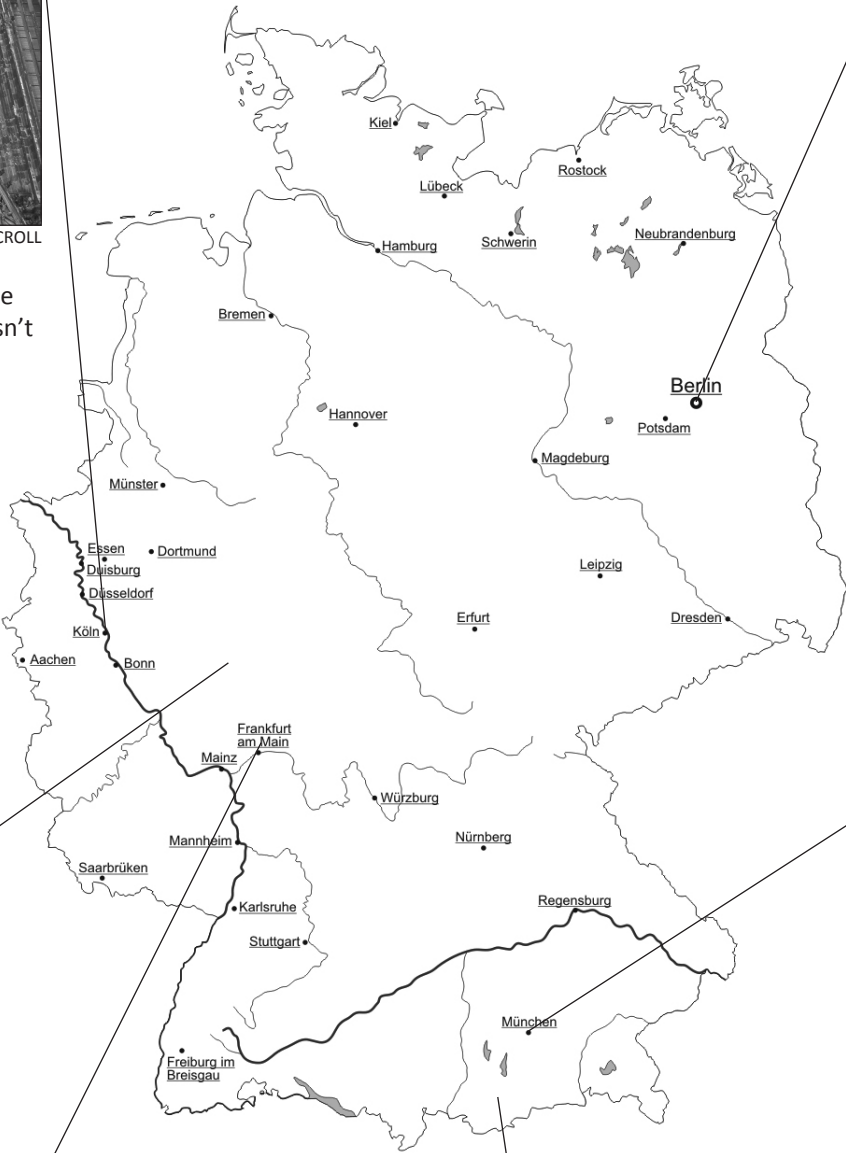
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The Berlin Cathedral is seen with the TV tower in the background. The students spent three days in Berlin where they saw a variety of sites, including the Holocaust memorial. The group also took a day and visited Potsdam, located just outside of Berlin. Potsdam is a sister city of Sioux Falls.



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Wilhemsturm is a landmark in Dillenburg. The students spent two weeks in Dillenburg attending school and acclimating to German life.



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The Rathaus-Glockenspiel is located in Marienplatz in downtown Munich.



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Skyscrapers litter the skyline of Frankfurt. Frankfurt was the first German city the students saw when they arrived.



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Neuschwanstein Castle is a 19th century palace that sits in Bavaria. Construction began in 1869. Construction was stopped upon the death of Ludwig II.



## Sports Update

### Cross Country

Carolyn Frederick  
Entertainment Co-Editor

Even after losing key seniors, hopes are high this season for the Knights cross country team.

"Off season running makes a huge part in how the season will go," says cross country coach Doug Lindner. "How far we go as a team will always depend on what each can do to help the team."

This year the cross country team has several returning letter winners to lead the team. The boys include Chance Freese, Kinard Sproles, Ander Geise, Evan Sakry, Ethan Knobloch and Sam Maxwell. On the girl's side, Klarissa Kobernusz, Annie Prouse, Bekah Ridder, Lydia Anderson, Madyson Muller and Alyssa Bornhoft are all returning.

Top runners at the O'Gorman Invite were senior Freese and sophomore Sam Maxwell. For the girls juniors Lydia Anderson and Annie Prouse were the top finishers.

"We always have great friendships forming between all of the teammates," says Anderson. "The team dinners the night before a meet are great bonding times."

### Boys Golf

Pierce Edman  
Sports Co-Editor

The Knights golf team hopes that a third title looms on the horizon for them this year. After claiming the last two state titles, they are in a position to take their third straight state title.

Led by seniors Collin Hammer and Nick Bruhn and junior Max Donohue, the team has the experience it needs to continue its domination of golf in the state.

"We have high expectations because we only lost one senior," said Hammer. "And we have won the state championship the past two years."

However, the Knights will face a tougher road to this year's state title. Both Lincoln and Brandon are leading the charge to prevent an O'Gorman three-peat.

Lincoln beat out O'Gorman for the GDC title by shooting a 291. O'Gorman shot 302.

On the individual side of the GDC tournament, Lincoln's Tommy Vining shot a 69, five strokes better than Donohue.

### Boys Soccer

Mark Yeager  
Activities Co-Editor

The O'Gorman boys soccer team faces a challenging season as they play without many of last year's veteran players. There are a lot of fresh faces on the team this year as the new freshman class as well as the sophomores and juniors fill in the holes left in the team line up from last year.

Senior Ben Davis is one of the team captains. He is optimistic about this season and is ready for the challenge. "The new guys look good this year," said Davis. He believes the recent division change will favor O'Gorman. "We won't have to play other Sioux Falls schools." Davis is confident in the team this year.

Junior Brendan Branick plays left midfielder on the team. He has faith in the team's chances of success this year. "We have a pretty good chance of winning state this year," said Branick. He pointed out that two of the team's center backs are strong this year, and with Davis as striker they have a good chance of holding their own at state.

The Knights will be playing Yankton on October 25.

### Girls Soccer

Ryan Sztapka  
Sports Co-Editor

The newly state-sanctioned Lady Knights have kicked off their season to a bit of a shaky start with 3-3-4 record.

They are hoping to take the city championship although they have fierce competition this year. With eight seniors this year the Lady Knights hope to follow the leadership of last year's team.

"Games against Aberdeen were very crucial to us," said head coach Ryan Beier. "They are defending state champs."

O'Gorman lost to Aberdeen Central in the first game, by a score of 3-0 but came back against to win in game two by a score of 1-0.

"We hope to be successful. We need to find our new roles and learn to play together," said Beier. "If we put in all out effort we can compete for the state title."

And that's just what the team has done. The team has seen a rough start turn into a three game winning streak.



KNIGHT SCROLL

Quarterback Blake Hilmoe drops back to pass against Sturgis. The Knights won 50-0.

## Knights bounce back after 0-3 start

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The Knights got off to a slow start this season, losing their first three games. Recently, the tide has turned as the Knights have handily defeated their opponents to pull to 2-3 on the season.

In their first three games, the Knights lost to Brandon Valley (18-15), Roosevelt (19-7), and Washington (24-0). "Early in the season, our offense was really affected by our frequent turnovers, especially fumbles. Also, we struggled to move the ball down the field. That makes it really hard to win games," said senior quarterback Blake Hilmoe.

"Our defense can hold offenses to short gains, but whenever a defense spends as much time on the field as we did at the beginning of the year, the opponents are going to capitalize," said junior safety Jaden Holzer.

"The defense has been good all year, we just needed to start making plays and find a healthy balance between our running and passing games," said Hilmoe.

The early lack of offense led to a lot of punting. Although punting is never the ideal way to end a drive, punter Nate Lenz consistently gave the Knights defense an advantage with an average distance of 32.1 yards per punt.

With a 42-0 victory over Rapid City Stevens, the Knights snapped their losing streak. The win was primarily a result of defensive efforts, led by seniors Mark Haiar and Alex Williams.

Haiar has led the team in tackles all season and did not let up against Stevens. Williams had two interceptions.

The offense also played a significant role. Senior fullback Ryan Erickson rushed for 94 yards and three touchdowns. Junior running back Eion Donelan had a breakout game, rushing for 96 yards and one touchdown. Hilmoe completed both of his attempts for a total of 51 yards and one touchdown.

With a 50-0 victory in similar fashion against Sturgis, the Knights seem to have rectified their early season problems.

The team still has to play city rival Lincoln before the playoffs begin.

## Haffeman caps wild win in state championship as Knights drop Riders

Pierce Edman  
Ryan Sztapka

It was a Cinderella ending as the Knights defeated Roosevelt 4-3 to take the 2012 high school baseball title. Dusty Haffeman hit a walk-off single to capture the title for O'Gorman.

"We are hoping to repeat both as regional and state champs," said senior pitcher Derek Feige. The Knights lost eight seniors from last season, six of which were starters.

Now O'Gorman is looking for some other members to step up and fill in the shoes made by the class of 2012. The baseball team won two state titles in three years.

"Winning multiple state titles is a pretty incredible experience," said 2012 graduate Austin Holzer. "I think that it is a true testament to the time and effort that the players consistently put into the season."

Holzer, the right fielder, was one of the eight seniors. "It was unbelievable to end my high school baseball career with a state championship. I think that our whole senior class can look back on O'Gorman baseball and see the wonderful achievements that we were able to accomplish over our four years," he added.

The Knights finished their year on a high note. The young Knights hope to finish in their teammates steps.

## Lady Knights dominant in defense of state title

Marissa Tran  
Entertainment Co-Editor

The Lady Knights tennis team is in pursuit of a sixth straight title - and no one has stopped them so far. They are 13-0 after having just won the GDC tournament in Sioux Falls.

"Our main goal for this season is to win state," says senior Alexis Kosiak. "It's been such a blessing to win the state title five years in a row, but we're definitely aiming for the six-peat."

The state tournament takes place Oct. 4-6 in Rapid City.

"It will be a challenge to defend our title when we aren't at home, but we are going to bring it all to Rapid and hopefully drive home victorious," says Kosiak.



# Lady Knights dominate in early volleyball action

Marissa Tran  
Leah Billion

The Lady Knights have set the tone for the rest of the season. Starting 11-0, the Knights are now ranked number one in the state. Coach Julie Kolbeck has high hopes for the rest of the year.

"As a team, getting to state is our number one goal," said Kolbeck.

The Lady Knights have made many improvements, a few being a quicker offense, better team chemistry and a taller lineup. With sophomores Jess Mieras and Taryn Kloth at 6'1, the height factor is working in their favor.

Earlier in the season, Kolbeck and the team agreed that their two toughest opponents would be Aberdeen Central and Roosevelt. After defeating both teams early in the season, the Lady Knights' confidence is at its peak.

"We've started off strong and hope to keep the momentum throughout the year. The season can get long, but we're confident we can carry out success all the way to the state tournament,"

says senior Kelsey Pudenz.

The team knows what they need to do to win and are working to keep the string of victories going.

"Every team has its short comings, but I think we've identified ours and are working to eliminate them," says Pudenz.

The Lady Knights have stepped up their practice regiment this season, adding weight lifting and more intense practices. These factors have had a large role in the team's success.

"We work hard in every practice. We know that success on the court begins long before game day," says underclass powerhouse Taryn Kloth.

Kolbeck has called her 2012 Lady Knights the most talented team she's coached in 20 years. "There is no star player on this team. All 13 girls are equal in ability and work ethic," she says.

The team relies heavily on underclassmen including T. Kloth, Mieras, sophomore setter Dalee Stene and sister Delanee.

The Knights are coping with a loss of many seniors from last



KNIGHT SCROLL

Sophomore Taryn Kloth gets a kill against Aberdeen Central. The Lady Knights won the match in five games by scores of 25-18, 23-25, 26-24, 15-25 and 15-11.

season.

"It's tough to lose players that you've become so close with," said Pudenz. "But the team hasn't changed much. Our younger

players are really stepping up."

The Lady Knights know that the rest of the season won't be easy. "We're ready for the other teams to come back 10 times

harder," says senior Allie Vognild. "We know that we have a giant target on our backs, and we're prepared for the challenges to come."

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# Phantom set to hit stage

Play set to debut  
in October

Leah Billion  
Faith Co-Editor

A cast of only 22 students is gearing up to take on the monumental challenge that is *Phantom of the Opera*.

With no more than 10 speaking parts, the play is one of the smallest fall shows in O'Gorman history. The condensed cast will allow for much character development and individual responsibility, say cast members.

"We want to bring drama like this to life on the O'Gorman stage," said director Scott Nelson. He hopes that the actors will be able to embody the essence of adult characters with a serious nature. Nelson has confidence in his cast selection and high hopes for the show.

*Phantom of the Opera* will debut on Oct. 18 with Haley Maxwell and Conor Tomac leading the cast as Christine and The Phantom.

"It won't be easy," says senior Haley Maxwell. "But with Mr. Nelson's guidance, I know we're in for a great show."

After having directed a show in the new Lorang Theater, Nelson is ready to take what he's learned and expand upon it. Though the theater department was sad to see the old auditorium go, Nelson is excited to begin another era of excellence in the PAC. "We're going to make the Performing Arts Center our new home."

With every show, the cast and crew become more familiar with the new territory. "It's going to take time to adapt to the new setting, but the techies are working hard to master the 'ins' and 'outs' of the facility," says senior techie Michael Shulte.

With practices well under way, it won't be long before the cast puts the finishing touches on the show.

"A committed, focused cast is necessary to put on an excellent show," says Nelson. "The students will need to work together as a family." Every member of the cast, crew or costume department plays a vital role in the outcome of the show.



MIRANDA MASEK / KNIGHT SCROLL

Seniors Haley Maxwell and Conor Tomac rehearse a scene from *Phantom of the Opera*. The show opens on Oct. 18 in the O'Gorman Performing Arts Center.

Fall films set to hit theatres;  
big names return to screens  
as awards season commences

Pierce Edman  
Sports Co-Editor

**Flight**  
*Flight* is about the investigation of a pilot, Denzel Washington, after a plane that he was flying crash lands. Eventually, it is discovered that he had consumed alcohol just before the flight took off. *Flight* is directed by Robert Zemeckis and stars Washington, John Goodman and Don Cheadle. *Flight* hits theatres Nov. 2.

**Skyfall**  
Daniel Craig is back in action in the 23rd movie in the James Bond series. *Skyfall* focuses on the relationship between Bond and his boss M, played again by Judi Dench. Raoul Silva, played by Javier Bardem, is the villain in this movie coming out on Nov. 9.

**The Hobbit**  
Bilbo Baggins is back in the long awaited prequel to the *Lord of the Rings* series. Bilbo, Martin Freeman, and his gang of dwarves

travel on one of the most important journeys of their lives. They are led by the fearless warrior Thorin Oakenshield, played by Richard Armitage. Bilbo comes into contact with Gollum and his precious ring, which holds the fate of the world. *The Hobbit* comes out on Dec. 14.

**Life of Pi**  
Pi is a young Indian boy and the son of a zookeeper. A ship that Pi was on is wrecked and he is stranded in the middle of the Pacific Ocean with a Bengal tiger, an orangutan, hyena and a zebra. Suraj Sharma stars as Pi as a young child while Irrfan Khan plays him as an adult. *Life of Pi* opens Nov. 21.

**Lincoln**  
*Lincoln* chronicles the final months of Abraham Lincoln's life. Daniel Day Lewis stars as President Lincoln. The film centers on the abolition of slavery and the death of the 16th President of the United States. The movie opens on Nov. 16.

## Master Chief makes return in latest installment of Halo

Mark Yeager  
Activities Co-Editor

It has been seven years since the *Halo* trilogy has ended. Only prequels have been released since *Halo 3* launched in 2007.

However Microsoft is bringing *Halo* back with a new trilogy, *The Reclaimer Trilogy*. This new trilogy will bring *Halo* fans back to their roots and reunite them with the legendary hero, Master Chief.

The development team has changed for this trilogy as Bungie Inc. is not developing this title, but in their place will be 343 Industries. 343 Industries is known for their most recent release of *Halo Combat Evolved Anniversary*, in which they remade the award winning game *Halo Combat Evolved*.

However, even though this remake received generally good reviews many fans are dropping the series as it changes hands.

Senior Brian Lawler is fine with the change of developers. "343 Industries is going to do a good job with the next *Halo*," said Lawler. His most anticipated release for this fall is *Halo 4* and plans on picking it up the day of release.

*Halo 4* will be continuing where Bungie Inc. left off and will be followed by two more sequels. These sequels are currently being named *Halo 5* and *Halo 6*.

Senior Ben Davis believes that *Halo 4* will have what it takes. "I'm okay with the new developer.



PRESS PHOTO / 343 Industries

Master Chief returns in *Halo 4* after a five year absence. The game will be released on Nov. 6.

It's going to be good. They can't ruin it," said Davis. He is one of many fans who were not aware that *Halo 4* was the start of a new trilogy. "I'm excited for that now."

*Halo 4* faces a lot of competition from sequels of several different series planned for fall releases as well. Games such as *Assassin's Creed 3*, *Call of Duty Black Ops 2*, *Borderlands 2*, and *Dishonored* may pose a threat to the revival of the *Halo* series. *Halo 4* will be released on Nov. 6, 2012.



Photo Survey

What is your ideal homecoming theme?



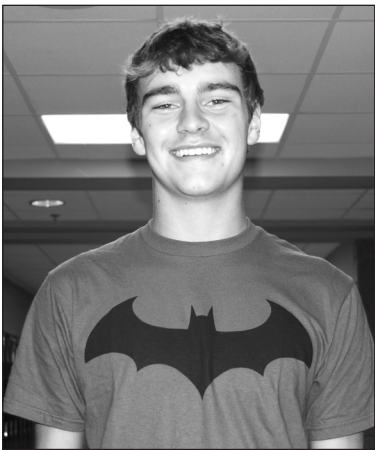
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Just to confuse people.”

-Jimmy Burma



“Favorite book character.  
I’d be Katniss Everdeen.”

-Teresa Kooima



“Anything better  
than this year’s themes.”

-Tommy Entwistle



“Glow in the dark day!  
All the lights turned off!”

-Abby Johnson

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Students unimpressed  
with new lunch options

Hungry eaters question new guidelines

Miranda Masek  
Editor-in-Chief

As high school students and teenagers, the O’Gorman High School student body has had plenty of time to learn what constitutes healthy eating.

Michelle Obama’s new nationwide lunch program, The Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act, seeks to promote healthy options so students eat healthier – but students are going to make their own decisions regardless of what’s available. In this way, students are finding their way around the healthy school lunches completely.

“Last year I’d eat school lunches, but I bring a lunch from home every day now,” said Nate Lenz, a senior. “I haven’t gotten a school lunch once because I don’t like it and don’t want to support it.”

Many students opt to bring their own lunch – an especially popular option with the opportunity of heating it up. Likewise, the lines at the microwaves have increased in relation to the new lunches.

“I don’t like the lunches. I bring a sack lunch every day,” said junior Sydney Carda. Michelle Petrasko, senior, agrees: “It doesn’t affect me because I always bring my lunch.”



Miranda Masek

For those who do get the lunch, it’s with grumblings. “I don’t like it one bit,” said Tanner Schulte, a junior. “Guys don’t get enough food.”

The calories of the lunches are a prime focus, but with a varied student population the calorie intake differs. “I think it’s stupid,” said Izzy Townsend. “I don’t need them counting my calories.”

With one meal at a specific price and seconds at separate, more expensive prices, in order to get enough food for an athlete, especially a male athlete, it can get pricey.

“It’s too expensive,” said Schulte. Other students purchase a meal and then get snacks at the ala carte counter in order to tide them over.

In contrast, some students are buying full lunches to save

money, even though they don’t want half of it. Others buy the full lunch and don’t need all the food. These extras primarily include the mandatory fruit or vegetable.

“I usually just get the full lunch and throw away what I don’t like,” said senior Conor Tomac. “And I hate that you can’t get any combination of food you want.”

Another prime focus of complaint has been the restrictions on condiments. Gone are the days when ranch and ketchup sat in the center of the lunchroom available for all. Now, extra ketchup packets are 10 cents and additional salad dressing is 75 cents.

Even the student council skit during the variety poked fun at the new policy.

“There will be no more condiments at lunch. We believe that to live out our Blue Ribbon tradition we must keep everyone skinny,” said senior Maria Anderson, posing as Mrs. Mahoney.

For some, however, it does come as a welcome change. “I guess I don’t think about the calories. It’s just better food,” said senior Erica Hughes.

“As long as I get food I’m happy,” said Trevor Frederick, senior.



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